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EDITORIAL

RENEWALS AND ADHERENTS

As a member of the Calgary U.F.A. Local pointed out in the course of an interesting discussion reported elsewhere in this issue, the United Farmers of Alberta in 1926 had about 15,000 paid-up members, and 50,000 or more adherents throughout the Province.

The organization will only be able to attain its maximum usefulness when the adherents have been converted into active members, participating in the work of the organization in their own localities, though the vast majority of the farmers of Alberta do support their own movement in times of crisis. This has been demonstrated whenever the organization has been put to the test.

We invite all readers of this paper who have not yet identified themselves actively with the U.F.A., but who are interested in the development of the co-operative movement in its many phases, who believe that farmers should attend to their own public business in their own way, exercising through their own organizations control of the officers whom they themselves may choose, to associate themselves with their fellow farmers in the U.F.A. Locals this fall.

The U.F.A. has accomplished much for the advancement of agriculture through the work of an active minority. When the active minority has grown to the dimensions of a majority, the farmers' movement in Alberta will be invincible.

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AN EPIC OF ALBERTA

The poem by Norman F. Priestly, entitled "A Farmer's Fever of Hope and Fear," which originally appeared on the front page of *The U.F.A.* of September 1st, has attracted much attention throughout the Dominion. The poem has now been published in *Willison's Monthly*, and in literary circles in Eastern as well as Western Canada its fine quality has been commented on. It is a contribution of permanent value to literature of the West.

The *Edmonton Journal* recently commented editorially as follows:

> "In the lengthy poem that was reproduced yesterday . . . a great theme was treated most effectively. Mr. Norman F. Priestley, of Coaldale, who is responsible for it, is a leading member of the U.F.A. and knows . . . the struggles of the pioneer farmer. Many, on going about the Province this year, and seeing on all sides the abundant harvest, have had the same feelings as those to which he had given such telling expression. The poem is a most notable contribution to the steadily growing body of literature of high merit that life in Alberta has inspired."

Now that the "early morning call of the threshing crew, clear and sharp through the green-gold skies of dawn," has been stilled by the early snows in parts of the Province where threshing had not been completed, many of our readers will turn again with real enjoyment to the perusal of Mr. Priestley's epic of the harvest season.

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FOURTH ANNUAL WHEAT POOL NUMBER

Since the formation of the Alberta Wheat Pool we have published annually a special Wheat Pool Number of *The U.F.A.*, immediately following the annual meeting of the delegates in Calgary. Each issue has contained the authorized report of the meeting, together with much material bearing upon the operations of the Pool and its relations with its members.

The Fourth Annual Wheat Pool number will be published on December 1st. It will contain many pages of material for the information of members, including articles of historic value and numerous reproductions of photographs. The Wheat Pool articles this year are being prepared by the Department of Education and Publicity of the Pool, and we believe the number will prove to be of exceptional interest.

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Annual Convention to Be Held January 17th to 20th Inclusive

Each Junior Local Invited to Send One Delegate—Committee to Consolidate Resolutions—Why Resolutions Should be Sent at Early Date to Central Office

The Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta—will be held from Tuesday, January 17th to Friday, January 20th next. These dates were decided on at a meeting of the Executive held in the Central Office on November 4th and 5th. The meeting appointed H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-president, to act as a committee to see what arrangements can be made to hold the Convention in Calgary. Those in attendance were President Wood, Mrs. Gunn, and Messrs. Scholefield, Aitken and Lean.

Juniors for Junior Convention.

The Executive decided to send notice to all Junior Locals, informing them of the resolution passed by the Central Board at its last meeting, advising that each Junior Local shall have the right to send one delegate to the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta with full powers. The Board recommended that the expenses of each delegate be borne by the delegate or by the Junior Local which he or she represents. A Constitutional amendment will be introduced at the Convention in January, covering these matters, and voted upon. In the meantime each Junior Local will be invited to send a delegate.

In view of the resolution passed at the last Junior Conference, asking that the date of the Conference be changed to sometime in July, in order that it should not conflict with the school examinations, an attempt has been made to bring this about. Owing to the fact that all the residential accommodation will be taken up at the University from July 3d to August 16th, however, the University authorities have been unable to make the proposed change.

To Consolidate Resolutions

The Executive appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Scholefield, Lean and Aitken, to classify and consolidate, if necessary, the resolutions to be brought before the Annual Convention. This committee will function prior to the Convention, and *it is of the utmost importance that as many of the resolutions as possible shall be sent in to Central Office not later than the second week in December.* If the Locals will co-operate with Central Office in this matter, it will be possible to have the resolutions arranged in such a way as to make the Convention's work much easier than would otherwise be the case.

At the last Convention a resolution was passed to the effect that all resolutions dealt with by the Convention should be sent to all Locals, together with the resolutions for the coming Convention. The Executive considered that this had been complied with as far as practicable by the publishing of the information in *The U.F.A.*, issues of Feb. 1st, Feb. 15th, Feb. 22nd, Mar. 2nd, May 16th, Aug. 15th.

Messrs. Scholefield and Lean and Mrs. Gunn were appointed delegates to the meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture which opened on November 8th at Winnipeg.

A letter was read from H. C. McDaniel, stating that he was unable to attend the Executive meeting owing to the necessity of completing engagements entered into for the use of his threshing outfit.

"Those who hunt for the truth with an open mouth are liable to get their throats clogged with propaganda. A horse drinks water through gritted teeth. News should be sifted through a sceptical screen."—T.J.O.

Pembina Convention November 30th

To the Secretaries of all Locals in the Pembina Constituency.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The regular Annual Convention of the Pembina Constituency Association of U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals will be held in Westlock, on Wednesday, November 30th, beginning at 11 o'clock.

Delegates from the Locals will be allowed as in other years in the proportion of one delegate to every ten members or major portion of ten, but the membership fees must be paid up to the Association Secretary for the year 1927 not later than the day of the Convention.

Your Board are endeavoring to secure the services of an outside speaker.

Please see that your delegate is furnished with a copy of all resolutions coming from your Local, that are intended for the convention.

Yours fraternally,
A. R. BROWN,
Secretary.

Westlock, Alta.

Teaching Co-operation in Schools Will Be Urged at U.F.A. Convention

Educational Subjects Featured in Early Resolutions for Convention—Sheep Grazing and Public Lands—Battle River Opposes Ruphone with Bonds.

We publish below a summary of all resolutions for the Annual Convention received from Federal and Provincial Constituency Associations to date. As far as space permits other resolutions submitted to Central Office by Constituency and District Associations, for consideration by the Convention, will be published in later issues. There is usually, however, a large number of resolutions received during the few weeks prior to the Convention, and these it is impossible to deal with adequately. The earlier the resolutions are submitted, the greater will be the opportunity to bring them to the notice of the readers of this paper before the Convention.—*Editor.*

Resolutions from U.F.A. Locals and District Associations published in this paper during the past few months have made it clear that the organized farmers in all parts of the Province are strongly desirous that instruction in the principles and practice of co-operation should be given in Alberta educational institutions. A resolution urging the provision of such instruction was passed at the last Annual Convention, and the matter will be the subject of further discussion at the Convention to be held next January.

Teach Co-operation in Schools

Upon this subject the Little Bow U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association has submitted the following resolution:

Whereas at the present time nothing dealing with the principles of co-operation as exemplified in our U.F.A. movement is contained in our Public School text books,

Therefore, be it resolved, that our representatives use their best efforts to have something of this nature incorporated in our public school text books at the earliest possible moment.

Text Book in Agriculture

Bow Valley U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association has also interested itself in the subject of the school curriculum. The following, passed at the Constituency Convention, has been submitted for consideration of the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. in January:

Whereas, there is no text book in use at present in agriculture, and

Whereas, this means too much time wasted by both teacher and pupils in note taking, and also prevents uniformity of the subject throughout the Province,

Be it resolved, that the Department of Education be respectfully petitioned to provide a suitable text book to cover the course in grade eight and also a text book suitable for use in grade eleven.

School Examinations

Bow Valley Constituency Association also sets forth that "the examinations in June should be as fair to the child as possible, and that it is unsatisfactory to have the subjects combined as has been the custom in grade eight." The Association therefore requests that "separate papers be prepared for each subject of grade eight."

Sheep Grazing on Public Lands

Another resolution from the Little Bow Convention recommends to the Provincial Government "that they ask

the Department of the Federal Government having charge of such matters to use their best efforts to remove restrictions now placed upon the grazing of sheep on public lands."

Opposes Telephone Rates Increase

Wetaskiwin U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association has submitted a resolution expressing opposition "to the principle of increased telephone rates," and favoring instead "some system of taxation on land adjacent to telephone lines with a certain exemption to those having a telephone."

Election Expenses

In view of the fact that "it is necessary to have certain funds to carry on the election of our members," Stettler U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association urges "that the U.F.A. Association provide all the funds necessary to carry on any campaign."

Mineral Rights

This association also urges amendment of the present law which "prohibits the ordinary land owner from owning any mineral rights below the surface," in such manner as to give these land owners "the same rights and privileges in minerals and oils as those held by the C.P.R."

Another Stettler resolution expresses opposition "to a public road being built side by side with the C.P.R. from Nevis to Alix as it would be of very little use to farmers and an added expense for upkeep." The proper authorities are urged, therefore, "to build the highway along present Government survey from Nevis to Mirror and Lacombe."

Battle River U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association is the only Federal Association whose resolutions for consideration by the Annual Convention have been received to date by Central Office. These were printed in full in *The U.F.A.* of September 15th.

Battle River Resolutions

The resolutions are six in number. The first of these proposes the pooling by farmers of their security for their mutual benefit, as a means of keeping down interest rates, and asks the U.F.A. Central Board to draw up a contract for the farmers to sign "with the understanding that it would only become effective when so many millions of dollars worth of security had been procured."

Other resolutions from this Federal Constituency ask amendment of the Municipal Hospitals Act to provide for "special assessment for hospital purposes which would be more equitable, distance from hospital especially to be taken into consideration"; propose amendment of the Hail Insurance Act to provide that compensation for hail losses be paid to soldier settlers direct, and not to the Soldiers' Settlement Board; and urge the Provincial Government to devise some means of assisting municipalities where damage is done to municipal roads by heavy motor trucks to such an extent that it is impossible for the municipalities to maintain the roads in good condition.

Against Diplomatic Rupture

Battle River also protests against the action of Premier King in breaking trade relations with Russia. The resolution dealing with this subject points out that during the last Federal general election campaign the Prime Minister declared himself ready to defend Canadian autonomy; and further refers to the Premier's statement in Parliament that he "could not find any fault with anything" the Russian trade delegation in Canada "either said or did." The breach, it is stated, is detrimental to the farmers of Canada.

Election of Robert Gardiner by 5,000 Majority Cost only $278.50

Acadia U.F.A. Federal Association Receives Report on Expenses of Last Federal Campaign—Two Days' Snowstorm Cuts Down Attendance, but Delegates Make up in Enthusiasm for Smallness in Numbers

Hanna, November 10.—The election expenses of Robert Gardiner, M.P., chairman of the U.F.A. group in the House of Commons, who received a larger majority than any other Alberta member returned in the Federal general election of 1926, totalled exactly $278.50, according to official figures presented at the Annual Convention of the Acadia U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association held here today.

These expenses were the lowest in the Province, and in marked contrast to the enormous outlays incurred in the effort to elect the candidates of the old political parties in many of the constituencies of the Dominion. *Thorough organization by an enlightened electorate who are willing to give their services because they realize that under the U.F.A. plan of democratic action they control the representative whom they elect, made this result possible. They know that their representative, owing to his freedom from subservience to either of the old party machines, can serve them freely.*

The Farmer in Politics

The farmer in politics is the farmer minding his own public business. He realizes that no political party machine will mind his business for him, that if he works or votes for representatives whose party machine is secretly financed by the great centralized and specially privileged interests, he is handing over control to those who cannot give him single-minded service. That is why Acadia has made such a notable showing, and why the cost of the election was negligible. The Convention felt that the results of U.F.A. activity in this constituency have been eminently gratifying.

Owing to the fact that there is still a large amount of threshing to be done in the constituency, many farmers would have been detained in any event from attending the Convention here today had weather conditions been good. The heavy snowstorm of the two days and nights previous to the Convention made travel by car almost impossible. The attendance was consequently small. However, although few in numbers, the delegates present made up in enthusiasm for this unavoidable condition.

ROBERT GARDINER, M.P.

The Convention was called to order by President Rufus Cates of Oyen, who was elected chairman, and got right down to business, appointing a committee composed of Frank Simpson and Col. C. W. Robinson to look after credentials and resolutions.

Message of Good Cheer

In his address, President Cates brought a message of good cheer and hope, showing that the spirit of the U.F.A. in the Locals was as strong or stronger than ever. Despite the fact that the Acadia Constituency Association has had to fight two election campaigns during the past two years, he pointed out, the financial position of the Association was good. Mr. Cates was very emphatic in the opinion that when threshing is completed and the farmers have recovered somewhat from the difficulties caused by the very trying summer and fall through which we have passed, they would again take up U.F.A. activities with renewed vigor.

The report of the Secretary, J. K. Sutherland, of Hanna, showed a balance on hand in the treasury of the Association of $483. Mr. Sutherland also read the figures, quoted above, revealing the remarkably low expense incurred in carrying on the last election campaign, in which the farmers had rallied to their own cause with enthusiasm and rolled up a total of over 7,000 votes for Mr. Gardiner as compared with approximately 1900 received by his opponent in the constituency.

Gardiner Presents Report

In presenting his annual report to the Association, Robert Gardiner, M.P., gave a most lucid and interesting account of the most important features of the last session at Ottawa, dealing with the legislation enacted by Parliament and with the course of action taken by the U.F.A. group throughout the session. Space will not permit of more than a passing reference to the many vital matters discussed by the member. He described in detail the Old Age Pensions Act, and the manner in which this legislation had been brought about; the Federal Farm Loans Act; the Act providing for the revaluation of Soldier Settlers' lands; and the amendment to the Canada Grain Act. In all of these matters, which formed part of the program of the Farmer members at Ottawa in 1925, which the Government of that day had accepted, the Government in 1927 had made good its promises.

Spirit of Harmony

Probably the most important part of Mr. Gardiner's address was that in which he described the splendid spirit of harmony which prevailed in the U.F.A. group at Ottawa, and in which he showed how much more was being accomplished by concentrating on the most important issues, than could otherwise have been the case.

The following resolutions were carried, and will be submitted for the considera-

tion of the U.F.A. Annual Convention in January:

Automobile Traffic

Whereas, with the increase in the number of motor cars operated in the Province of Alberta, there is also a tremendous increase in the number of accidents occurring daily, very largely due to reckless driving and strong drink, and,

Whereas, this condition must tend to become worse in the future;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Provincial Government to enact legislation which will make travel on our roads, especially on our main highways, safer than at present. To this end we would suggest that more strict regulations be enacted in regard to dimming lights at night, when meeting or passing;

More strict regulations in regard to the right of the road;

That the speed limit be reduced to a factor of safety, consistent with the density of the traffic;

That any person found guilty of driving a car when under the influence of liquor be punished by imprisonment.

Immigration

The Acadia U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, in Convention, is not in accord with the immigration policy of the Federal Government, and is opposed to our Provincial Government spending money from the revenues to support an office and staff in London, England, for immigration purposes. (Carried on motion of Col. C. W. Robinson.)

Officers Elected

The officers of the Association for the coming year are: President, Rufus Cates, Oyen; Vice-president, Col. C. W. Robinson, Munson; Secretary, J. K. Sutherland, Hanna. Directors, District 1, S. R. Hooper, Rowley; Mrs. N. J. McCrimmon, Craigmyle; District 2, James Cameron, Wastlin; District 3, Robert Shaw, Oyen, Mrs. C. A. Bishop, Excel; District 4, G. F. Proudfoot, Lonebutte, Mrs. Willard Hall, Lonebutte.

Irvine Receives Fine Reception at First Convention Since Election

Need Urges Need for Members of All Locals to be "Up and Doing" All the Time and Not Merely During Campaigns—Juniors Debate the Problem of the Non-Pool Farmer

Wetaskiwin, November 10.—Presentation of a report on the work of the last session at Ottawa by William Irvine, M.P., who received a rousing reception from the delegates; important addresses by Hon. Perren Baker, Mrs. Christie, U.F.W.A. Director, and C. C. Reed, U.F.A. Director, and by officers of the Constituency Association; and the adoption after full discussion of resolutions dealing with farmer and community problems, were features of the Second Annual Convention of the Wetaskiwin U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, held in the U.F.A. Hall here today.

Owing to the cold, stormy day, which caused the late arrival of many delegates, business did not get well under way until afternoon. The keen interest displayed in the proceedings, gave evidence of the healthy condition of the U.F.A. movement in this constituency. A debate in the evening between teams of Junior members, on the subject, "Resolved that non-Pool farmers should be compelled to sell their grain through the Wheat Pool" (won by the negative), and a dance at which all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, brought the day's proceedings to a close.

Thirty-one Delegates

Henry Young, of Millet, who has served during the past year as Second Vice-president, opened the Convention in the afternoon in the absence of John Davis, the President, and was elected chairman. Thirty-one delegates and a number of visitors attended.

In the course of an interesting address, Mrs. D. J. Christie, U.F.W.A. Director for the constituency, made a very strong appeal for more active interest in the Women's organization and in the work of the Juniors.

C. C. Reed, U.F.A. Director, also appealed to the delegates to be "up and doing all the time." Greater and more lasting results would be obtained in this way, he said, than by the expenditure of energy feverishly in an election campaign and a slackening of interest afterwards. "We owe it to our representative," he said, "to keep in close touch with the problems that confront us, and to inform ourselves upon national problems and the work our members are doing at Ottawa."

Minister of Education Speaks

Hon. Perren Baker, Minister of Education in the Alberta Government, in the course of an address to the Convention, showed the remarkable expansion which has taken place in Alberta in the production of farm products since the formation of the Province in 1905, and the corresponding expansion of the educational system. Mr. Baker laid stress on the prevailing inequalities in taxation. He declared that the time was coming when some solution of this problem must be found, and that the Government was giving the matter earnest consideration.

WM. IRVINE, M.P.

Election of Officers

Following the reading of the minutes of the last Convention by Mrs. Winifred Ross, of Millet, Secretary of the Association, and the disposition of the various resolutions, and the financial statement, the Convention proceeded to the election of officers. D. J. Christie, of Strathcona, and Henry Young were nominated for the Presidency, Mr. Young being elected.

For the office of First Vice-president Mrs. Ross was nominated. She expressed her appreciation of the nomination and her deep regret that she would be unable to accept the responsibility of such an office during the coming year. Mrs. E. E. Sparks was then nominated and elected by acclamation. J. E. Cook of Conjuring Creek was elected Second Vice-president by acclamation.

Directors were elected as follows: For Leduc, D. J. Christie of Strathcona and Mr. Falconer of Conjuring Creek; for Wetaskiwin, Alec Cumming of Wetaskiwin; for Ponoka, Mrs. H. Russell, of Ponoka; for Lacombe, L. Snow of Bentley.

Irvine Addresses Convention

In his introductory remarks to the Convention, Mr. Irvine spoke of the new leader of the Conservative party and congratulated the party on their choice. He also expressed satisfaction at the attendance, which in view of the weather conditions was most encouraging, and dwelt upon the educational value of these annual gatherings of the representatives of the Locals. That the elected members should report regularly upon their stewardship to their constituents and should be informed by responsible delegates of their needs and desires, was necessary for the efficient functioning of democracy.

Features of Session

Turning his attention to Parliamentary matters, Mr. Irvine said that the last session at Ottawa was remarkable first for its brevity (it was the shortest on record) and secondly, in that it was productive of a substantial body of legislation of benefit to agriculture. This was due to the fact that the U.F.A. group had held a strategic position in the House of Commons. A number of most important measures first introduced when the U.F.A. group held the balance of power in 1926, were placed upon the statute book.

Among the major measures of the session enumerated by Mr. Irvine were the Farm Loans Act; the amendment to the Canada Grain Act which gives the farmer the right to decide to what particular terminal elevator his grain shall be shipped; the act providing for the revaluation of Soldier Settlers' Lands, and the Old Age Pensions Act, which had the active support of the U.F.A. group.

While the legislation which had been obtained as a result of Farmer representation was important and valuable, the opposing of undesirable and dangerous measures was also important. The U.F.A. group opposed the budget particularly on the ground that by lowering the income tax the Government were taking the burden from those most able to bear it, and placing it upon the shoulders of those who could least afford to do so. Mr. Irvine, with the other members of the group, also opposed the Georgian Bay Canal bill, which would have placed under the control of a powerful private

interest immense power resources which should be conserved for the benefit of the people as a whole. This measure was opposed successfully, as was the Sun Life Insurance Company's bill, which was designed to serve the interests of a small group of shareholders at the expense of the policy holders.

Discrimination Against Native Born

The Government's immigration plans came under the censure of the U.F.A. members, said Mr. Irvine. The Government, in fact, had no definite policy, and had apparently not thought out the problem seriously. While none would dispute the argument that our own native-born boys and girls were our best settlers, the fact was that they could not obtain the privileges extended to new settlers unless they first left Canada for Great Britain and then returned as "immigrants."

Mr. Irvine spoke briefly of some of the legislation anticipated for the next session of Parliament. The establishment of a National Bank of Re-discount was one of the proposals which would be advanced by the U.F.A. The subject of coal freight rates would command attention. Mr. Irvine advocated provision for conscription of wealth in the event of war, pointing out that not only should Canada not enter upon any war without the consent of the Canadian people, but that the representatives of the people should insist that any profits of war should be conscripted.

Following Mr. Irvine's address, a vote of appreciation and confidence was moved, and the hearty applause accorded him left no room for doubt of the feeling of the Convention in that regard.

A Valuable Debate

Those participating in the debate at the evening meeting were Miss Lily Archibald and Paul Thompson for the affirmative, and Miss Rebecca Chown and Ronald Irvine for the negative. The judges were Rev. Mr. Elliot, of Wetaskiwin, Mr. Rasmussen and Mr. Breton, M.L.A. The debate was most interesting and instructive, and the material submitted by all the debaters showed that they had given close study to the Wheat Pool and its possibilities and realized the advantages which non-pool farmers are reaping through the efforts of the members of the Pool. The debaters deserved and won the hearty congratulation of all who heard them. It is not possible in the space available for this report to go into the details of the debate, but the material which we are forwarding to the editor of *The U.F.A.* may be found of value for future use.

Resolutions adopted by the Convention and sent forward for discussion at the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. in January, were as follows:

INCREASE IN GASOLINE TAX

Whereas good roads are becoming an absolute necessity all over the Province, and

Whereas the present basis of taxation is quite inadequate to provide funds for the maintenance of market roads, and

Whereas large motor trucks are particularly destructive to roads and pay no taxation commensurate with the damage that they do,

Be it resolved, that we favor a substantial increase in the gasoline tax and increased license fees on motor trucks which are used for hire or commercial hauling purposes. (Carried on chairman's casting vote.)

RIGHT TO SWEAR IN VOTE

Whereas in the new Municipal Districts Act all persons eligible to vote on the supplementary list are required to send in their own names to the secretary and they have no right to swear in their votes should they be omitted from the list, and

Whereas this system makes the municipal secretary solely responsible for the list being correct and opens the door to all sorts of abuse and particularly on the part of secretaries in the preparation of the lists,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we protest against the changes in the act, particularly against the abolition of the right of the voter to swear in his or her vote, and request our representatives to take such action as may be possible to correct the situation.

TELEPHONE RATE INCREASE

Resolved, that we are opposed to the principle of the recent increase in telephone rates, and favor instead some system of taxation on land adjacent to telephone lines, with a certain exemption for anyone having a telephone.

CONDEMNATION INSURANCE

Whereas the condemnation insurance taken by packers on cattle and hogs appears to be excessive, the packer being in a position to collect from all shipping associations without rendering a statement of the account, and

Whereas the packer, knowing the extent to which tuberculosis is prevalent, can pay the half of one per cent extra and thus outbid the Pools, and

Whereas the packer discriminates in the buying regardless of the levy,

Be it resolved that we urge the Dominion Government to repeal the act or section of the act which provides for the condemnation insurance. (Consolidated Resolution from Sunset and Bentley Locals).

AMENDING CONSTITUTION

Resolutions amending the constitution of the Wetaskiwin Federal Constituency Association was also adopted. These provide for the holding of the Convention at some period during the the last ten days of June, and reduces the fee to fifty cents per member.

How May the U.F.A. Be Improved? Is Local's Subject of Discussion

Calgary Local Devotes Evening to Important Topic—Need For Stronger Financial Support—U.F.A. Children and Grandchildren—What Saskatchewan Farmers Think of the U.F.A.

One of the most interesting and instructive evenings in the history of the Calgary U.F.A. Local was spent by members in attendance at the regular meeting of the Local on November 10th, when a discussion took place on the means by which the U.F.A. organization may be improved. The discussion was opened by W. J. Garland and S. J. Ewing, after which other members of the Local participated. K. R. Briggs, President, was in the chair.

A Tribute from Saskatchewan

At the conclusion of a couple of hours of the most candid kind of self-criticism, one of the visitors, S. O. Gramley, of Gull Lake, a member of the U.F. of C. Saskatchewan branch, who was introduced by Mr. Ewing, declared that it was a new experience to him to be present at a discussion of this character. "For," said he, "we in Saskatchewan look upon the U.F.A. as the pioneer in farmers' movements. You, who are so near to the picture, can see faults in yourselves, but we, who stand further away, can see the picture as a whole. We look upon you, the United Farmers of Alberta, who are represented by this Local tonight, as the parent of big things. You should give yourselves credit for them. You were one of the first to enter the political field and have achieved great successes there. It was you who started the first Wheat Pool. It was you who entered the Federal field as an organization, and in this field you have been 'there with the goods.' We copy from you. You are entitled to be proud of the big things your organization has done."

The Necessity for Funds

Mr. Garland said it had been estimated that there were between 80,000 and 90,000 farmers in Alberta. Of these, only 15,000 had paid dues in the U.F.A. in 1926, so that it was apparent that while in election times the great majority of the rural people supported their own movement, the necessity of providing funds to carry on the most necessary work was not fully realized. In order that the best possible service might be given, the provision of funds was absolutely essential. The speaker called attention to the fact that the Wheat Pool paid a small sum to those who obtained new members, for their time and services, and thought the possibility of the U.F.A. adopting some similar plan might be considered. He also thought that the holding of something in the nature of a tag day might be taken under advisement.

Prior to the establishment of the official organ, Mr. Garland reminded the members, it was customary to send out from time to time Directors' Bulletins containing valuable information and notes which were of assistance to those who were engaged in organizing. It might be worth while to consider the revival of this custom, one page in the paper to be allotted to the Bulletins.

A vital factor in the success of any organization was the fostering of a spirit of friendliness, the observance of a friendly attitude to all new members, the welcoming of the young people who might in many cases be new to the movement, by the older people, and a willingness to share responsibility with them.

Development of Responsibility

The development of a sense of responsibility, coupled with steady and continuous education, were essential to the success of any democratic organization such as the U.F.A. in the opinion of Mr. Ewing, who traced the development of the organization from the early days when the pioneers had to have their cheque in the bank before any goods they might have purchased co-operatively would be released. Through the years the farmers organized in the U.F.A. had

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News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals issued by the Department of Education and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

GOOD BUSINESS FOR THE PRODUCERS

"The Grain Trade knows what it is doing when it invests money in more grain handling machinery," says the *Financial Post*. The farmers of Western Canada who invest 2c a bushel per year through the Wheat Pool in grain marketing machinery are not totally blind to their own interests either.

If it is good business for the Grain Trade to invest in grain handling facilities it is doubly so for the wheat producers.

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WHEAT POOL NUMBER OF THE U. F. A.

The next issue of *The U. F. A.* will be a special Wheat Pool number. It will contain a variety of current and historical news. Every Pool member should make a careful study of this issue.

The reports of the various departments of the organization will be given; also the news of the happenings of the Annual Meeting. There will be other articles on the Wheat Pool which will be of an interesting nature.

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ESTIMATED CROP IN UNITED STATES

The total wheat crop in the United States is now estimated at 806,538,000 bushels. During the week revisions have been received from several European countries, but for the continent as a whole, the outlook remains unchanged. The new estimate of production in Morocco is below the previous estimate. Total production in the 33 countries reporting to date is estimated at 3,023,859,000 bushels as compared with 2,830,229,090 bushels in the same countries last year.

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IMPORTANCE OF THE ANNUAL POOL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd. At this meeting seventy delegates will be gathered to receive from the Directors and department heads of the Pool, an account of their stewardship. The importance of the Annual Meeting cannot be overestimated. It gives the delegates an opportunity to gain intimate information regarding the operations of the Wheat Pool.

It is a matter of first importance that the delegates should keep well informed as to Wheat Pool activities. Their best opportunity to do so is at the Annual Meeting. Each delegate should undertake to acquaint himself thoroughly with all phases of the Pool organization in order that he may later distribute the information to the members in his district. A well-informed membership is the strongest asset the Pool can possess.

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CANADA DOMINANT IN WHEAT TRADE

Sir Henry Rew, world-famous grain expert, in the *Financial Times*, reviews the world grain trade changes, and says the war's disturbance of international commerce was especially marked in the grain trade, and that never again will the flow of grain from exporting to importing countries return to the old grooves.

Before the war wheat came from mainly seven sources—34 per cent from Russia, 13 per cent from Argentina, 11 per cent from Canada, 8 per cent from the United States, 7 per cent from India and Rumania and 6 per cent from Australia.

Last year's proportions were: Canada 32 per cent, Argentina 16 per cent, United States 14 per cent, Australia 10 per cent and Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, India, Algiers and Rumania contributed small amounts.

With the elimination of Russia, Canada has become dominant and the wheat trade is concentrated in fewer countries.

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ARGENTINE WHEAT POOL

The Wheat Pool movement has been launched in the Argentine republic, according to a letter received from the promoters by the Alberta Wheat Pool.

On September 1 of this year, the organization was launched at LaDolce, Argentina, by Danes and Danish descendants. The first Argentine Pool expects to handle one million bushels of wheat this year and to gradually extend their organization as time goes on.

The organizers of this South American Wheat Pool are asking the Canadian Pool to assist in marketing their wheat; and also to supply information based on the experience of the Pool in Western Canada, to assist the infant organization in Argentine.

Denmark has been characterized as the cradle of co-operation, and it comes as no surprise to learn that Danish descendants are the men who are behind this new venture. This is borne out by their names, which are a combination of familiar Danish and Spanish names, as for example: Frederico Giersing, Juan Rasmussen, Ricardo Larsen, Ole Ellehill, C. F. Christiansen.

The request from Argentine has been turned over to the Central Selling Agency to be dealt with.

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FRUIT CO-OPERATIVE'S PROGRESS

Orderly marketing of fruit and vegetables, essayed on a comprehensive scale this year for the first time in British Columbia, is proving successful. Of course, difficulties and disappointments have been encountered, but on the whole general satisfaction is being expressed by the producers.

Fruit growing in British Columbia for the past five years has been a discouraging task for the grower. Year after year he has seen his labor gone for very little in the way of monetary returns. Things are different now, however, largely because of unification of effort.

F. M. Black, Chairman of the Marketing Board says:

"Not claiming to possess all the wisdom in the world, admitting imperfection in judgment and action, nevertheless the board already has the satisfaction of seeing a very considerable increase in friendliness and improvement in general morale in the industry under its direction which it believes augurs well for the future well-being of the fruit and vegetable producers in the interior of British Columbia."

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THE TALE OF TWO CENTS

Two cents seems an insignificant sum, too small for even a passing thought. Especially is this so in the Prairie Provinces, where the silver nickle has long been recognized as the lowest common factor in our coinage system.

"Not worth two cents" is a common expression exemplifying the common feeling towards that minute sum of money. There is hardly an individual in Alberta who would give a passing thought to the monetary value of two cents.

Two cents—it is true that in the sense of a single instance of two coppers jangling together there seems to be little of wealth represented. But multiply this little sum by millions and the resultant total is quite awe-inspiring.

Two cents contributed on each bushel of wheat by every Wheat Pool member in Alberta has built up a two million dollar elevator system. The unique feature of this chain of elevators is that it belongs to the two cent contributors. It is completely theirs to do with as they say. There are no "whereboys" or "wherenesses". Pool elevators belong to Pool members.

Two cents a bushel in pre-Pool days might go anywhere and never be missed or noticed. It might build elevators galore but never for the contributors. Few people think of the aggregate power wielded by the massing of the pennies.

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The quality of the wheat crop in Canada is estimated by the Canadian Dominion Bureau of Statistics to be 97 per cent of the average for the past ten years. The storms during September delayed threshing and affected the grade of the grain.

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The first official forecast of wheat production in Australia is for a yield of 115,000,000 bushels according to a cable from Consul Carrels at Melbourne. Production in 1926 amounted to 160,858,000 bushels and in 1925, 114,504,000 bushels. The present acreage is estimated at 11,000,000 acres as compared with 11,863,000 acres in 1926.

Why the Silence? Asks Alberta Pool Chairman

In First Radio Address H. W. Wood Suggests That Grain Trade Tell What They Paid for Wheat, What Price They Obtained for It and What Are Their Profits.

I have been asked to talk a few minutes this evening to the Alberta Wheat Growers about the Wheat Pool. I will have to confess that it is with some reluctance that I have consented to do so. The Canadian Wheat Pool has been in operation for the last three years, and I think I am safe in saying that during that time we have seen wheat sold at higher price levels than in any other like period during normal times in fifty years. We all know, even the oldest inhabitants, what has happened to the price of wheat in normal times during the whole of our life time. We all know what the mobilized selling of our wheat did to the price in 1919, notwithstanding the facts that the war had been over for a year; the world was supposed to be bankrupt and unable to buy wheat at anything but a very low price; and there was plenty of wheat in the world to supply all normal demands.

We all know what the price of the 1920 crop of wheat did under the old system of selling; we know where the price of the 1921 wheat went to; likewise the price of the 1922 wheat; and we all know where the little Alberta Pool found the price when it began operations in October, 1923. It had fallen back to the old normal price position of around a dollar a bushel, or less, that it had been occupying in normal times for the last half century, and every indication was that things would serenely pursue their easy way indefinitely—the producer taking the same old price for his wheat, and paying the new and higher prices that were being demanded for what he had to buy.

Pool Brought Higher Levels

In 1924 the Canadian Pool began to operate with a large per cent. of the entire Canadian wheat. Everyone knows the result. Wheat prices were diverted from the old low channel to higher levels. They tell us of shortages, etc., but there was enough wheat to supply the world's demands, and prices did go to higher levels notwithstanding what was perhaps the most reckless selling ever done by the Southern Hemisphere.

The Pool continued operations in 1925 and 1926 with increasing amounts of wheat and the results are known to the world. The farmers have continued to get from 25 to 40 per cent more for their wheat than the history of the past 50 or 80 years warranted them to expect in normal times. Why the farmers should need any talk to supplement the accomplishments of the Pool during the past three years is hard to understand.

The observant, intelligent citizenship of Canada, and more or less of the world, give the Pool credit for better selling of wheat. In fact I know of no class of people that rises up in condemnation of the Pool except the grain traders who have been buying and selling our wheat for profit only; and their condemnation seems to me to be more persistent than logical.

Questions To Be Answered

The spokesmen for the "Established Grain Trade" in their criticisms of the Pool do not attempt to show that the average price paid by the trade to the non-Pool farmer is as great or greater than the price the Pool farmer has received; nor do they attempt to show that the price of all wheat would be as great or greater if there were no Pool. They do not make any statement as to what the trade bought at, and what it sold at, what the cost of handling was, or what their profits or losses were. In fact, their silence regarding their own activities is profound. I am sure they could give their customers and the general public more interesting and enlightening information regarding these matters than they are giving regarding the Pool. They might also tell the public why they did so poorly in raising the price of farmers' wheat before the Pool started; and why the price has been so much better since the Pool did start.

In fact the whole campaign of the Grain Trade supporters against the Pool clearly indicates that they fully realize that they have no logical argument against the Pool and none in defence of the Trade. About all they have offered in their own defence is the establishment of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange—for which they are entitled to full credit; and they have also done considerable talking about the supremacy of the "law of supply and demand." They do not try to claim the credit of establishing this law, but they do seem to expect us to infer that under this law efficient and inefficient selling are put on an equal basis. The Canadian farmers think differently.

The principal argument used at the present time against the Pool is that the Pool price this year was not as great as the average closing price of the grain market at Winnipeg on all of the selling days of the year. This item of information enlightens no one—neither the Pool grower nor the non-Pool grower. What the grower—Pool and non-Pool—wants to know is what the Grain Trade sold his wheat for; what he paid the grower, and how these prices compare with Pool prices and with the average closings. This information would be enlightening and interesting. The Trade has it and could give it in just as full detail to its customers and the world as the Pool has given it regarding its own activities. Why not? It is the farmers' wheat. The Trade wants to handle it for profit and surely it should take the farmer into its confidence and not expect the farmers to push the Pool into the discard and go blindly into the hands of a trade that will not discuss its own merits or demerits.

New System of Selling

Another thing the spokesman of the Grain Trade are stressing as an argument, is that the Pool is making use of the same facilities as the "Established Grain Trade" is using, and consequently is operating under the same system. It would scarcely be less to the point to say that the Trade is handling its wheat through elevators, shipping on railroads to the seaboard, loading on ships and sending it to the world's markets, and, as the Pool is inaugurating a new system of selling

His First Radio Message

H. W. Wood, for the first time, broadcasts a talk to Wheat Producers.

wheat, it should handle it in an entirely different manner.

While the Pool will undoubtedly make any improvements it can in the system of handling wheat from the producer to the consumer, it was never the idea of the growers to entirely change the present handling system. It has been made clear from the beginning that it is a new system of selling that we propose to establish. The fundamental difference between the new and the old system is that in the new the growers mobilize their wheat and sell it direct through a central selling agency, or agencies, as the world's consumptive demand requires. The grower is thereby in a position to at least negotiate the price of his wheat with the world's ultimate buyers. This position he never attained, and could never hope to attain, under the old system of selling.

Under the old system the "Established Trade" buys the wheat from the farmer at the price the ultimate buyer will pay, less the cost of handling and his own profit. Profit is the one object—and the lower the wheat is bought, the greater the profit. Cheap and efficient handling is also conducive to profits, consequently there is comparatively little to criticize in the old handling system—but there is nothing to recommend in the old selling system.

Pool Success Phenomenal

The Canadian Pool, composed of and controlled by Canadian farmers, has been operating three years only. Its phenomenal success has attracted the attention and admiration of the observant, intelligent world. In the business world friendship towards it is the rule, and opposition, outside of those interested in profits in the grain trade, is the exception. It is looked upon as the most successful, practical business effort ever inaugurated and conducted by an organized body of farmers. Its success is attributed to the practical business methods adopted in the conduct of its business. Its future is entirely in the hands of the Canadian farmers. On its continued success depends the success of Canadian agriculture. On the success of agriculture depends the growth and development of Canada. No nation can grow to real greatness on the basis of agricultural serfdom. Canada's wheat must be sold at a reasonable profit above the cost of production. Nobody in the world can be depended upon to so sell it except the farmers who grow it. Will they do it?

Sixty per cent of the Wheat Growers of Western Canada have already demonstrated what can be done, and no like body of farmers have ever had more just cause to be proud of their achievement. But what about the forty per cent who have contributed nothing to this great world famous enterprise? I leave it to you with the most earnest plea that you give your position very serious consideration. The Pool needs you. The welfare of agriculture needs you. Even intelligent selfishness is calling to you.

Plain Talk to Prince Rupert People

E. W. Wood, Chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool Board of Directors, recently paid a visit to Prince Rupert where the Pool operates a terminal elevator. This is Mr. Wood's first visit to that seaport.

While in Prince Rupert Mr. Wood delivered an address to the Board of Trade and Rotary Club. He told them very plainly that one of the problems which have to be dealt with in shipping grain through Prince Rupert, or any port, is to attract boats to the port. He pointed out that if the citizens of Prince Rupert were really concerned in seeing wheat go through the port, they could materially assist the Wheat Pool by doing all they can to make the port attractive to the boats and to see that they get courteous treatment and good service at right prices. If this is done and the elevator can be secured for a further term at a price the Pool can afford to pay, Mr. Wood said he did not see any reason why Pool wheat should not continue to flow through Prince Rupert.

On the other hand, if these things are not done, he did not see any reason why Pool wheat should continue to flow through the port. It is simply a business proposition.

Mr. Wood gave a resume of the progress of the Wheat Pool for the benefit of the audience and predicted that in years to come the Pool would continue to enlarge in size and activity.

It might be mentioned that the Pool has a lease on the Prince Rupert Terminal Elevator, which is owned by the Dominion Government, for a term of two years. This lease expires next year.

Press Views on the Wheat Pool

THE POOL'S RESOURCES

Port Arthur News-Chronicle.—Regarding the proposed merger of private grain companies to oppose the Wheat Pool: Notwithstanding that the money to accomplish the enterprise is to come from Montreal and New York, the promoters are tackling one of the biggest jobs that amalgamators have yet attacked. The Wheat Pools of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are probably the biggest thing in the way of amalgamation that has yet been organized on the continent of North America. The great steel corporation is not without resources, but the Wheat Pool, represented as a whole, is the greatest combination that has ever been organized. It represents the labor of hundreds of thousands of farmers. Its capital consists of the good will of these men. No greater or more stable capital was ever subscribed by any group of men, no matter what the money capital may have been. By taxing themselves the commission that traders would charge them for handling their grain, the farmers of the Prairie Provinces can provide themselves with all the money resources they may require to buy or build hundreds of elevators in any season. They own the largest elevators on the continent. Yearly they add to the number of elevators they own outright, a guarantee of the perpetuation of the Pool.

As distinct from a trading concern the Pool is unaffected by exigencies that drive private dealers out of business. The subscribers to the Pool are the owners of the soil from which their article of trade is derived. They control the channels through which their grain travels to market. What chance has any combination of money capital against such a combination as the Wheat Pool of Canada?

IN SAFE HANDS

The Toronto Globe.—Whatever the measure of the influence of the Pool, the West has had steadier prices, increased unity, and an improved morale which benefits the whole Dominion. The Pool farmer has no worry over fluctuating prices, no concern over the recurring scares and panics of the exchanges, his property is in safe hands, and the Pool is watching markets and world conditions for him through its Central Selling Agency.

READ BETWEEN THE LINES

The Calgary Weekly Herald.—By ingenious manipulation of market figures and a cunning use of half truths in their argument these opponents of the Wheat Pool seem to make out a case, if you are satisfied to take what they tell you as fact, which it isn't. What you may take for granted is that these Pool opponents are out to smash your Pool and they hope to make the first breach in the Pool wall by getting you dissatisfied and making a kicker of you. The only way they can possibly beat the Pool and get the business into their own hands again is by inducing you to quit. So long as you Pool members stand together the effort of the Pool breakers is hopeless and the Pool is a fixture. If you will take the trouble to read between the lines in all the stuff now being printed against the Pool, you will be able to see very plainly that this, at least, is fact.

NO SUPERHUMAN ABILITY

Farm and Ranch Review.—When one contemplates the enormous fortunes that have been piled up in the grain trade of Western Canada during the past twenty years, it seems a natural conclusion that the farmers should prefer the position of shareholder to that of involuntary contributor towards the creation of wealth for others. These fortunes have not been made through super-human management nor perhaps by glaring illegitimate methods. They are the fruits of average management by quite ordinary human beings, which may at least just as easily be accomplished by the Wheat Pool as by private concerns. Under the pooling system, the profits revert to the patrons, which is as it should be. They perform a more useful function there than in the pockets of a set of shareholders.

News & Views

Chas. O. Nicholls, of Nanton, writes to express his thanks for the Wheat Pool payment, which he said was most satisfactory.

R. L. Wakefield, of Tawatinaw, took the trouble to write in and express his satisfaction with the final Pool payment. He says he is well satisfied with the way the Pool does business.

The Ontario Wheat Pool has found a good market for unlimited quantities of good clean straw in bales and is advising its members to get in touch with head office if any have straw to sell.

There are a good many Pool Members who are writing in expressing their satisfaction at the final payment. Complaints are exceptionally few, contrary

to the Grain Trade propaganda which says, "the farmers are up in arms against the Pool."

The British freighter "Fishpool" arrived at Prince Rupert on October 28th for a cargo of grain for Europe. This is the first steamer to take grain from this port this year.

J. T. Fletcher, well-known merchant, rancher and farmer of the Scollard district, has signed a first and second series Wheat Pool contract. Mr. Fletcher is an enthusiastic booster for the Wheat Pool.

R. H. McRae, of Vancouver, in writing to express his thanks for the final payment says, "You have been the greatest force in uplifting the farmers that has ever been thought of in the farmers' lives yet. May you ever hold to the noble work."

A despatch from Winnipeg, dated the 1st, states as follows: "All mills and terminal houses are purchasing heavily of off grades and tough wheat. Heavy shipments of Pool wheat are reported unofficially, but the spectacular feature of the local market is the scramble of mixing houses for frosted and sprouted wheat. Never in the history of the grain industry in Western Canada has there been anything approaching the quantity of off grade stuff now being inspected. Services of the mixing houses are required to give this stuff reasonable market value for its hundred thousand members. The Pool is performing this service and the producer is gaining the benefit of the process for the first time. The trade finds absence of mixing at Vancouver is a big factor with old country millers, and grades on the western route, therefore recommend a premium with the United Kingdom."

Possibilities of Wheat Pool Research Department

Since the Central Selling Agency of the Wheat Pool has established a statistical branch at Winnipeg, the following extracts from an article on "The Possibilities of a Research Department for Wheat Co-operatives", written by E. M. Daggit, in The Co-operative Marketing Journal, will be interesting to Pool members.

Mr. Daggit is statistician for the American Cotton Growers' Exchange where he has attracted attention because of his forecasts of price trends and crop reports.

Forecasting Price Trends

"With such a non-perishable product as wheat, the market is much more nearly ready-made; and the problem of getting the best price becomes one of determining when to sell, rather than where to sell. This involves the problem of forecasting price trends, a field wherein the effectiveness of a research department has been viewed with considerable scepticism. The truth is that a research department can be of the greatest benefit to a wheat co-operative, provided that up-to-date methods of price research are used. During the past few years great strides have been made in developing methods of statistical analysis that are particularly adapted to the analysis of prices. These methods have not yet become generally known in the commercial world, but have been used for several years in the United States' Department of Agriculture, where they were largely developed.

In Price Right

"Since there is a limit to the profit that can be made in wheat marketing by cutting down marketing costs, the greatest opportunity for profit and for building up the volume of business must lie in accurately forecasting the trends of wheat prices. What a research department can reasonably be expected to accomplish in this field may be briefly discussed.

"Such a department in charge of a statistician trained in the special field of price analysis, should enable the co-operative to know, even as early as August, approximately what price level for the fall marketing season is justified by the basic demand and supply conditions. By the end of August, the world carryover of wheat and the probable production of the United States, Canada and Europe have become sufficiently well known to form the basis for such an estimate, which may of course be revised with later developments in the crop situation. Having an estimate of what the price ought to be, the co-operative would be in a position to know whether the market price at any given time was too high or too low, and approximately how much.

Increase Price Risk

"If the research department accomplished no more than this, it would most likely be a profitable investment for a wheat co-operative. This single accomplishment would reduce greatly the ever-present price risk. It would increase the chance of guessing the market right on the year's sales from a 50-50 chance to a 70-30 chance. It would thus place the co-operative among the ranks of the more successful wheat firms.

"A research department could also do much toward answering each year the important question of whether to sell in the fall or hold until spring. Studies of probable yields in the Southern Hemisphere, the rate of movement of the crop in this country and abroad, and similar data, would provide a basis for reaching a decision on this question.

"In addition the research department would, of course, follow the price trend through the season, and help to explain the market situation whenever required. Accuracy would be gained by experience and continued research. Many of the minor problems that arise in the work of a co-operative could also be analyzed by the research department.

"At the beginning, the officials of a wheat co-operative would doubtless find themselves rather sceptical of the results to be derived from a research program. This is not surprising, particularly with men who have had considerable experience in the wheat market and know something of its complexity, for it is difficult to realize that a long experience in the wheat market is not at all necessary for working out rules of the market that may be used for forecasting price trends.

Condensed Experience

"The cotton co-operatives were at first rather doubtful as to whether anything practical could be accomplished by installing a research department; but after a year's experience, every one of the eleven associations are sincere boosters for the new work. The forecasts of price trends during the entire season have been substantially accurate, and have afforded the associations an opportunity to get higher average prices for their cotton.

"Research, as a matter of fact, is nothing more nor less than condensed experience, made possible by methods of statistical analysis. It consists of studying the statistics of earlier years for the purpose of working out from them the underlying market rules, which in the ordinary way could not be learned except by actually going through the experience of those years.

"In attempting to work out the rules of the market to be used in anticipating wheat price trends, the statistician first seeks to learn what few factors are of basic importance. Many factors operate in the wheat market, but among these, a few outstanding ones so overshadow the others that they largely determine the price trend. The relative importance of each of these can be determined by statistical methods; and the probable effect on the price that these factors will have at any given time can be estimated.

Crop Estimating an Important Field.

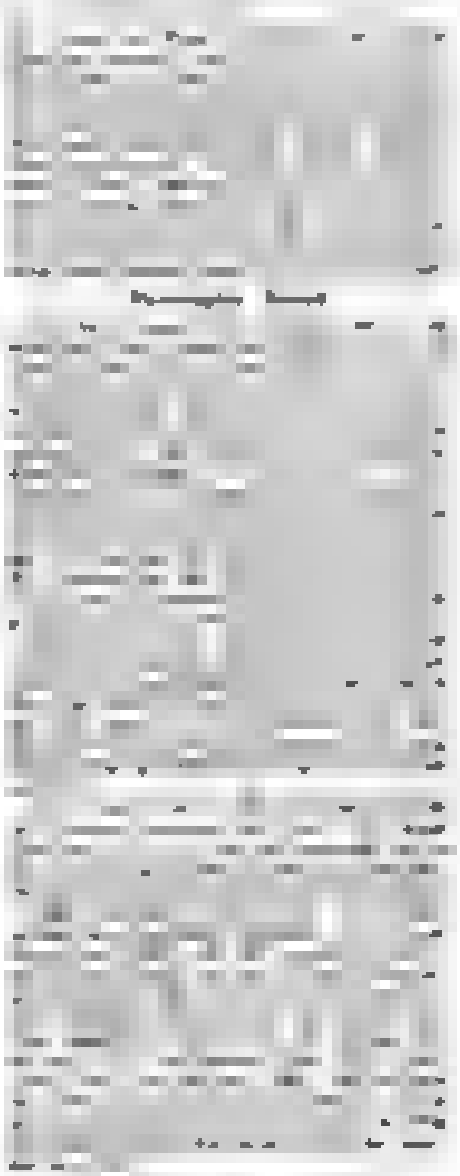
"The United States at present produces more wheat than any other country, about one-fourth of the world total. Research studies show that the United States supply is the most important factor causing variations in wheat prices in this country. The European supply is second in importance; Canada probably third; and the Southern Hemisphere fourth. The volume of the Southern Hemisphere supply is of particular importance to those holding wheat over winter. The crop in that part of the world is harvested during December and January, and the trend of prices between fall and spring depends to a large extent upon the size of this crop.

"One of the most promising fields of research lies in the forecasting of wheat yields from weather data. The yield of wheat depends very largely, of course, on weather conditions, and the statistical methods used in studying prices can also be applied to studying the effect of weather on yields. As an example of the results that may be obtained from such research, a study in forecasting the yield of wheat in Argentina from weather data may be mentioned. This was worked out in the Department of Agriculture and used by them for the first time in forecasting the Argentine crop of the past season.

"In the November issue of *Foreign Crops and Markets*, published by the Foreign News Service of the Department of Agriculture, was published a forecast that the Argentine crop would probably be about 215,880,000 bushels, as indicated by a study of weather conditions in that country. The Argentine government made its first estimate of the crop on December 10, placing it at 215,316,000 bushels. A week before this, however, enough additional weather data from Argentina had been accumulated to enable a second forecast to be made. This forecast, published in *Foreign Crops and Markets* of December 6, indicated an increase in the crop to 222,000,000 bushels. On January 1st the Argentine government issued a revised official estimate, placing the crop at 222,850,000 bushels, which was less than one-half of one per cent. larger than the forecast made entirely from weather data a month earlier."

Delegates to Annual Wheat Pool Meeting

Potato Price Trends, Gold and the Farmer



[illegible] acres; F. L. Pritchard, Marshall, Sask., 320 acres; Mrs. M. C. Dougherty, Watrous, Sask., 320 acres; H. W. Richardson, Chesterville, 320 acres; Lewis E. Edwards, New Dayton, 320 acres; Donald F. Kirby, Talmo, 320 acres; W. P. Norman, Dupuyer Provincial Treasurer, Edmonton, 320 acres; Arthur Clark, Rapid Creek, 320 acres; W. Logan, Raymond, 640 acres; H. P. Rasmussen, Raymond, 320 acres; Miss Ruth Bowler, Warner, 320 acres; Jack W. Kimble, Grassy Lake, 320 acres; J. [illegible], Rush, 320 acres; J. A. Barker, Calgary, 160 acres.

Minute Editorials

THE LIST OF Wheat Pool delegates is printed on this page. Get acquainted with your delegate and keep well informed on Pool matters.

THE FINANCIAL POST prints a news item from Winnipeg counseling with the Pool members on the matter they put through belonging to the Wheat Pool. In juxtaposition to this article was another news item telling of one Western elevator company expecting to make tremendous dividends this year. No consolation was offered the farmers who provided the dividends!

HON. SIR SIDNEY SUTHERLAND, Minister of Agriculture for Canada, suggests developing wheat with a kind of an overcoat to keep it from frost danger. Those whose wheat grains "weigh" this year would like to see raincoats and rubber boots provided also.

H. W. WOOD, in his address to "piggy Rotarians, hit the "nail on the head" when he said: "If the farmer against market his own product efficiently he is impossible and the future of Canada is doubtful."

THE WHEAT POOL'S London, England, office will be opened shortly. A. J. M. Paul, president of the Central Selling Agency, predicts that this office will be second in importance only to the main office in Winnipeg.

THE CHICAGO TRADE is commenting on the fact that wheat prices have been uniformly higher than United States wheat prices. Suggests that the wheat producers of the United States can profitably study the operations of the Canadian Wheat Pools, and it desirable imitate them. In the minds of the Canadian farmers there is no question of the "desirability" of the Pools.

THE SUCKER PUNCH who say the Wheat Pool is for the small acreage farmer alone. No such thing. In the space of two days three southern Alberta farmers signed up acreages of 1,280 acres to Wheat Pool contracts. These men know what is best for themselves.

C. W. PETERSON, editor of The Farm and Ranch Review, states that he is in favor of the Wheat Pool though not be overwhelmingly successful. Join and elevator companies be people that have made fortunes in the grain trade and not through any exceptional ability.

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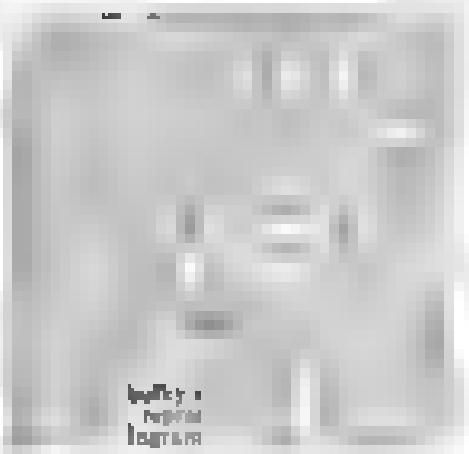

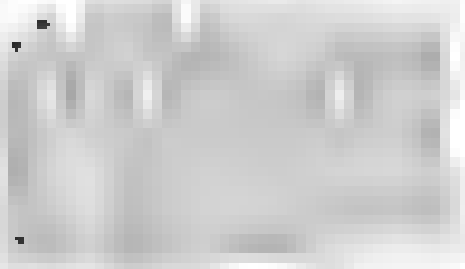

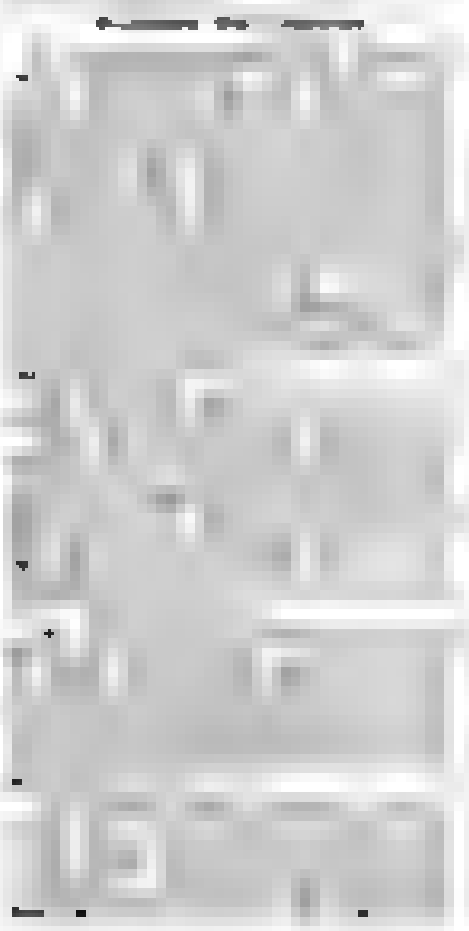

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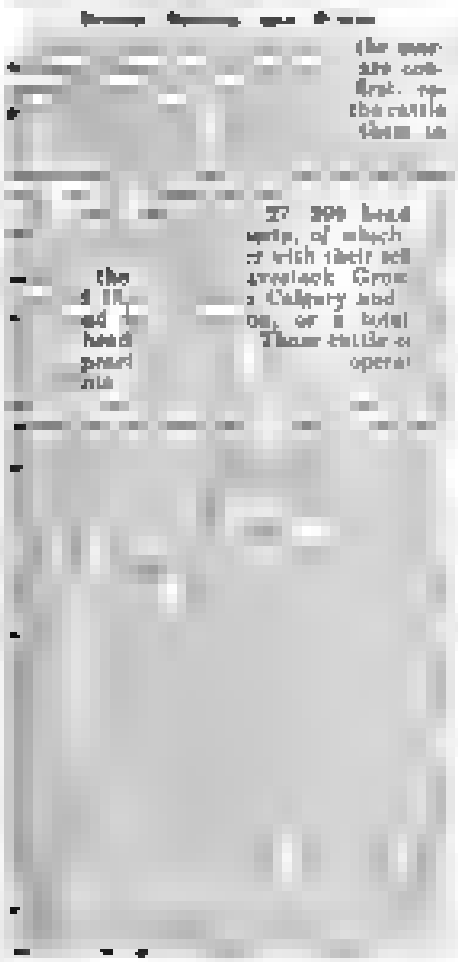

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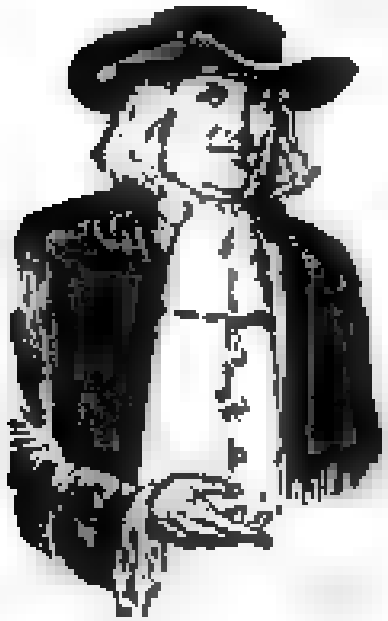

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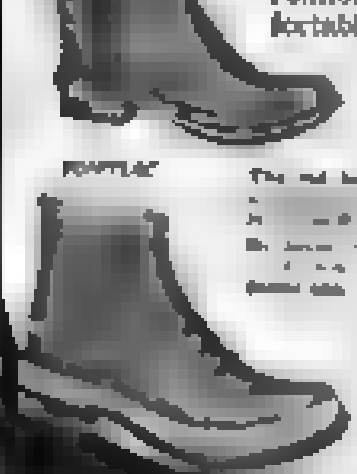

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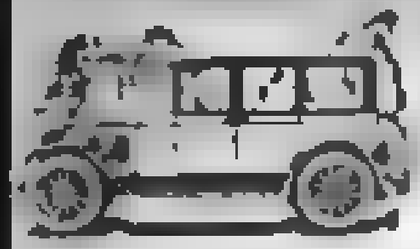

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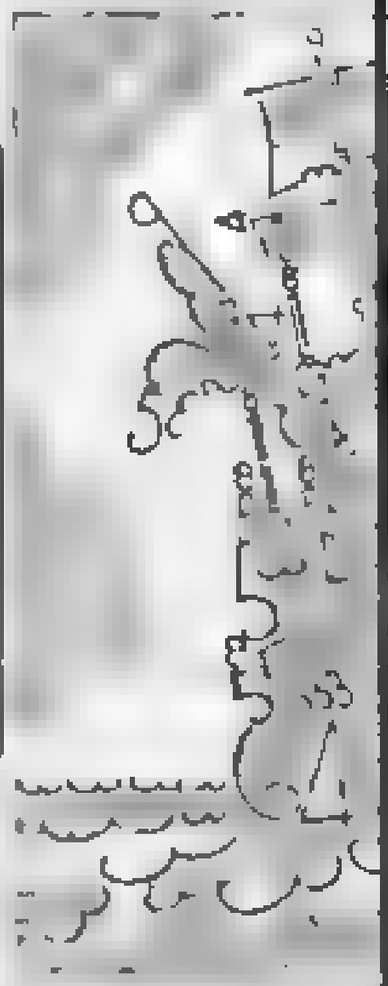

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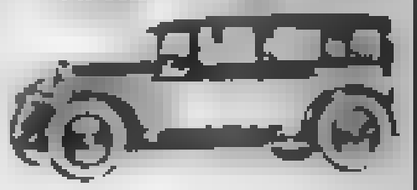

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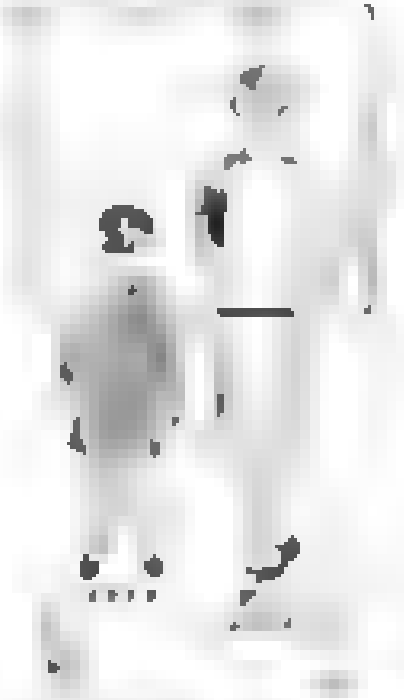

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[illegible] director of the Canadian Social Hygiene Council, as has issued a statement on the matter which amounts to an official declaration of policy. The question was taken up for discussion in a number of the Council's branches and affiliated groups throughout the Dominion and vast discussion had been followed by requests for some definite pronouncement.

He deals specifically with the suggestion that a board of censors should be appointed to pass upon the material which publishers are to be allowed to send to, or those who ground applications of censorship.

Would Need Supermen

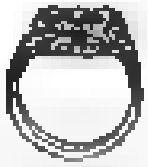
"The creation of any such board," he comments, "would involve the discovery of a small group of super-human beings. The Dominion Premier, editorially has already noted that it is a curious fact that those individuals whom the average Canadian would be most ready to select as specially qualified to deal with the matter are the first to declare that they do not feel themselves fitted to pass upon what should or should not read. Nevertheless, there might be individuals found who for the task would not be distinctly open to question.

"Presumably literature could be made to operate more or less uniformly upon all Canadians were all Canadians of the same age and had the same mental education and outlook. Restriction on the ground of possible harm of copies such a [illegible] to them.

"As bottom, it is a moral problem and the agent and must certain [illegible] any moral disease is education. I am convinced that the exception of a dearth of good literature coupled with distribution of mind-poisoning [illegible] life and its many problems, [illegible] unfortunate results. If some ultimate [illegible] be proper, we feel it is to appeal to the salacious which evidently exists, [illegible] and arouse the desire to be clean to see [illegible] cut off the depraved reading matter with which it is being fed. Even should censorship succeed in eliminating all book and periodical which gives offense today there would be others [illegible] but the one problem would still merely be replaced by others which might be even more serious.

"There is no doubt that certain writers and publishers have mistaken liberty for license but surely publishers and authors as a whole are powerful enough and have enough consideration for the public welfare to exercise whatever restraint is necessary without the assistance of the general public."

One result of the agitation for state censorship was revealed in our discussion a few days ago. In newspaper reports of an address [illegible] a large audience, the speaker referred by name to a publication which he declared was most



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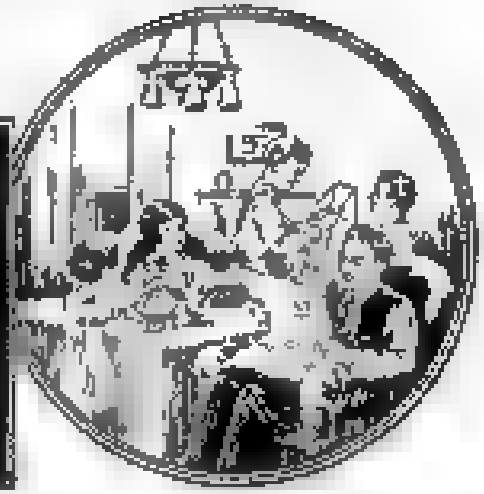

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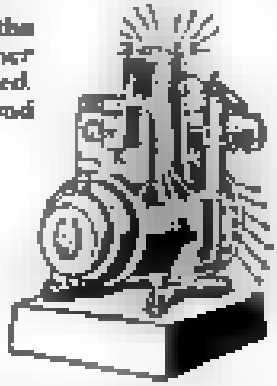

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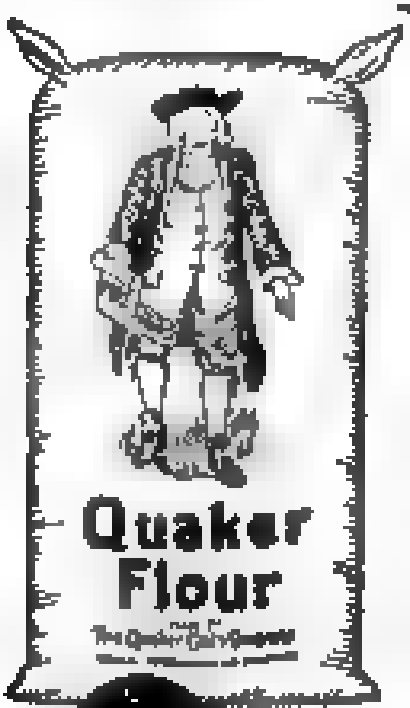

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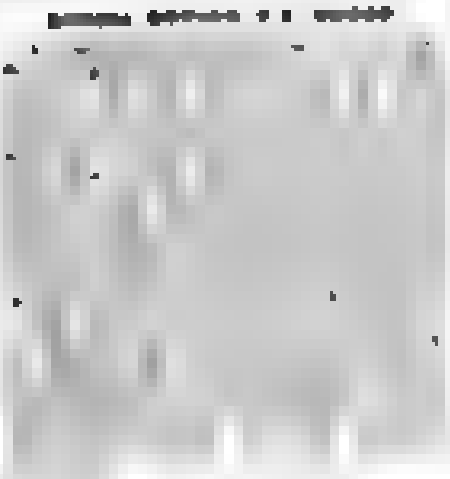

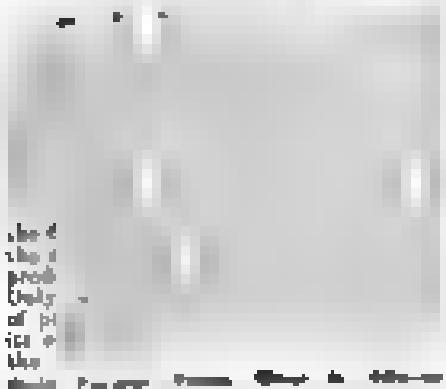

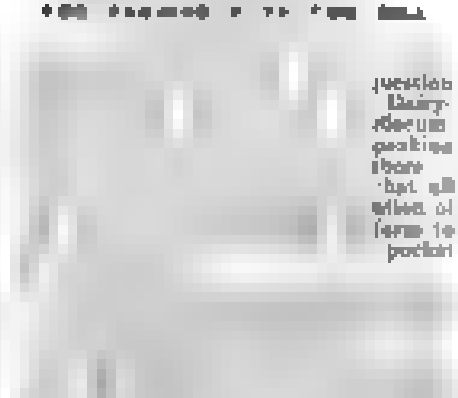

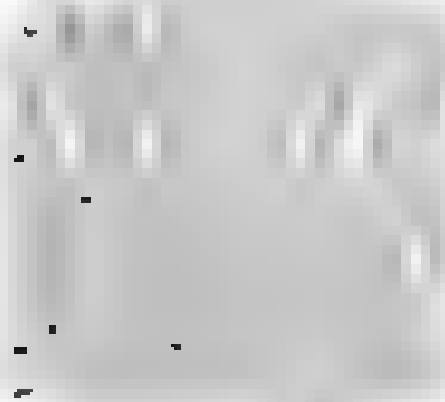

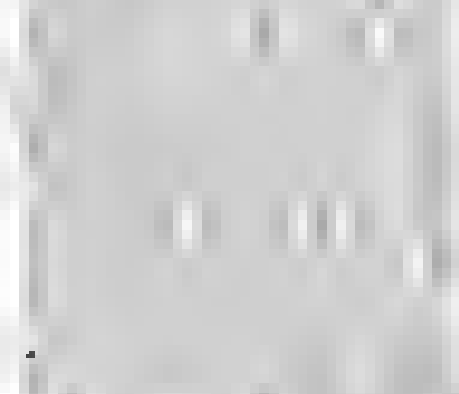

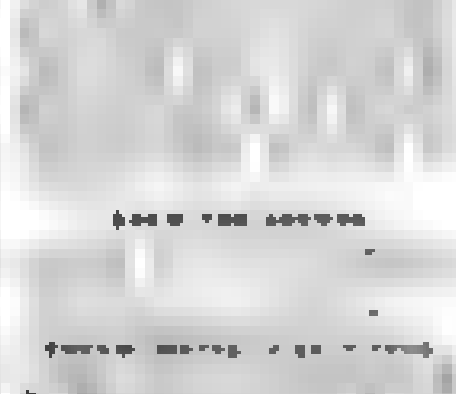

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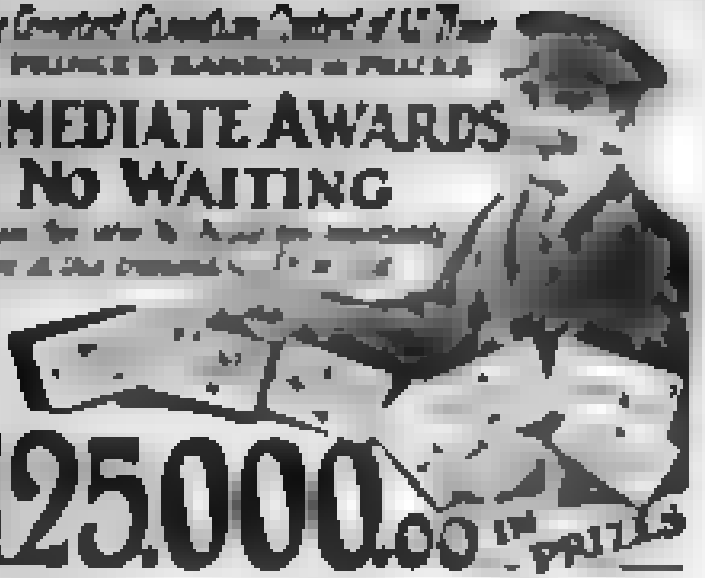

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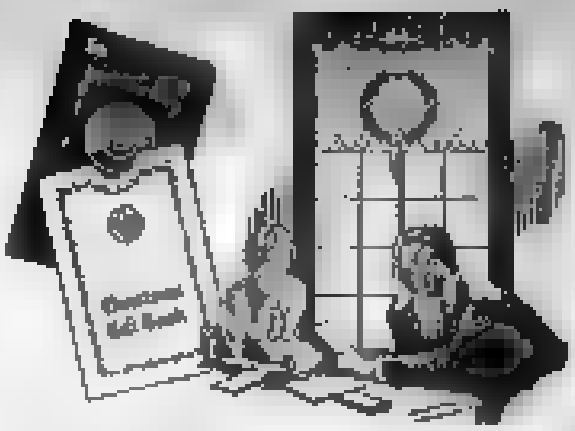

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Tuesday afternoon, Mr. R. Pye presiding, with Mr. J. K. C. Hilford as secretary. Mr. A. Speakman, M.P., and Mr. G. W. Smith, M.P.P., were present.

The financial report was satisfactory. Messrs. Thompson, Krause and Sigurdson were appointed the Resolutions Committee.

The President spoke of the valuable service of Mr. [illegible] and the members elected himself. Much had been accomplished through the influence of the U.F.A. in the good work of the Wheat Pool, and he congratulated the Pool on the splendid work it was doing. Mr. Speakman was ill in his health, after a strenuous time of service with the U.F.A.

Mrs. D. Stephens, Elnora, spoke appreciatively of the good work of Mr. Speakman's Ottawa and outlined some of the good work which the U.F.A. were engaged in, among them the sterilization of the unfit and a home for women and girls.

A couple of resolutions from the Melfort U.F.A. were discussed. One was a resolution for the extension of the Rural Telephone Act which was felt would benefit the province and bring larger areas and earning farmers large sums in toll fees as well as being a boon to settlers and farmers in these sparsely settled districts in many ways. The second was the request to amend the Act so as to allow the Province to pass an amendment to apply the Act to the whole Province. This was asked.

The other resolution asked for where the crown breaks its lease against individuals and in the action has should pay all the costs of the action, inasmuch as innocent persons should not be subjected to the great expense of proving their innocence. After a short discussion the chairman was asked if the resolution should be dropped owing to a majority of one.

Mr. Speakman gave a brief review of some of the work of Parliament and thanked the members for the honor they had given him in past elections. He hoped always to be ready at their service.

The officers elected for the coming year were:

President, R. Pye, Trochu; Vice President, [illegible], Innisfail; Directors, [illegible], Penhold; Directors, [illegible], Stony Plain; Secretary-Treasurer, J. K. C. Hilford, Innisfail; Auditors, T. Thompson, Delburne, Ernest W. C. Stephens, Elnora; T. Sigurdson, Reykjavik; [illegible], Pine Lake; Messrs. J. J. Miller, Hunter; [illegible], J. J. McFadden, West Pine Lake; W. W. Lamb, Didsbury.

Hand Hills U.F.A. Holds Annual Convention

The Annual Convention of Hand Hills U.F.A. Association was held in Hanna on November 9th. Mr. W. Hicks was presiding. [illegible] to be unfavorable was not in attendance was much small, but enjoyed.

C. A. Dunlop, M.L.A., gave a brief address outlining the work done by the Legislature during the past session, which was much appreciated.

The officers elected for the coming year are: President, E. W. Robinson; Vice President, [illegible]; Directors, E. A. Lanagan, J. F. Medd, J. C. Smith, Jas. Burns, Jos. Nethell, Jas. Sheehan, W. T. Sharpe, R. W. Waters, J. W. Grieve and D. Shiels. Secretary, Miss M. B. Hooper.

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Editor The U.F.A.

I will appreciate your conveying through your columns my thanks to as many as possible of the officials and urgent a time which have given assistance in dealing with the recent outbreak of infantile paralysis in the Province.

I desire to express to all local boards of health, school boards, medical officers of health and physicians, railway companies, operators of motor cars, city police, officials, newspaper publishers and all others to whom credit is due, my appreciation of the excellent co-operation given by the Province of Alberta in this matter.

GEORGE P. HOADLEY
Minister of Health

Edmonton, Alta.

ESSENTIALS AND NON-ESSENTIALS

The Editor The U.F.A.

I noted with pleasure one of a list of Sir Eggers some time ago under the heading of "Three Rs." He first urged to be honest and to give value for work and money and a fourth which I would like to make a fifth, namely, to be courteous.

The first March is credible to a [illegible] several years ago and is [illegible]

A child who is not taught to [illegible] of person is lacking in the most important way in life and with a knowledge of that he makes a success of [illegible] his own life upon [illegible] Those [illegible] but [illegible] some of [illegible] denominations elected [illegible]

The [illegible] denominations of [illegible] Churches are left in the [illegible] of the United Church of [illegible] There are human organizations which [illegible] objective one of all other [illegible] organizations having for [illegible] of helping [illegible] and [illegible] to live [illegible] Christ [illegible] in this world helping form to be members of His Church [illegible] Christian [illegible]

The [illegible] and narrow-minded [illegible] Catholic [illegible] is a recent number of The U.F.A. of [illegible] Sunday [illegible] Westminster, where the preacher of the day [illegible] out his Anglican [illegible] and Roman Catholic [illegible] to be taught as [illegible]

Agreed on Essentials

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work of perfecting it and making it more and more useful in aiding the people of his locality to lead the Christ life.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN P. FINNEMORE.

Edmonton, Alta.

THE WHEAT POOL CONVENTION

Editor *The U.F.A.*:

The time of the Wheat Pool Convention is drawing near. Therefore, it may be well, in the interest of all concerned, to set forth some of the most important things for general consideration. So far the Conventions have been taken up with ways and means to increase the membership and to provide and install facilities by which to carry on the Pool's work. Henceforth the task will be to add to and improve these facilities and to see too that they function properly.

Basic Principles

It is on the fundamental and basic principles and ideas that guide our movement at the present time that I intend to deal with at this time. The slogan now used by our directors and delegates: "to secure a just relationship of prices through selling efficiency," is misleading. To raise the prices of agricultural products to parity with the prices of industrial products is impossible, and to lower the prices of industrial products to parity with the prices of agricultural products we have no power to do, under the present economic and political system in Canada.

Consequently, we must adopt a new slogan that more clearly sets forth our movement's need and aim. Because, under this system the agricultural producers do on an average, at best, only receive enough in price to provide maintenance and means to carry on production. Often production is carried on at a loss; of this the heavy indebtedness of the farmers is irrefutable proof. The farmers are, as yet, a subordinated class. Consequently, any advances in the prices of agricultural products, except those secured by elimination of useless and wasteful handling, will increase the prices to the consumers. These being to a very large extent composed of industrial wage-earners will need higher wages to meet such increased cost of living. The manufacturers, due to this, would also raise the prices on finished products. The result will be that the differences in the price levels would continue.

During the term of the renewal contract, the Pool will acquire ownership and control of all necessary handling facilities. When that is done the Pool will have eliminated all wasteful and useless handling and the savings thus effected turned over to the growers. When this stage of Pool progress is reached the present slogan must be abandoned. Otherwise we will mislead the contract-signer and that will cause a setback to the co-operative marketing movement.

Guiding Principle

To save ourselves and the Pool we must adopt producers economics. That "useful work is the source of all wealth, and that the producers are entitled to the full social value thereof," must be our economic formula and guiding principle in all dealings. In conformity with this, our new slogan should be: Complete control by the producers. Our aim: Ownership of all necessary handling and finishing facilities and control of the grading system. Our means to accomplish this: Co-operative education, efficient organization and general solidarity.

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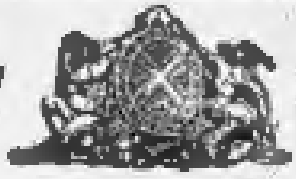
1817  1927

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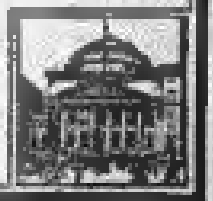

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R. E. Spencer, M.P., commenced a lecture tour in Eastern Canada under the auspices of the Association of Canadian Clubs on November 14th, according to an announcement just to hand from the Association. The subject of the lectures will be "A Western Point of View." The printed bulletin describing the plans in detail is not yet to hand, but Mr. Spencer's itinerary is given below.

During the present month there will thus be two outstanding members of the Farmer group at Ottawa engaged in interpreting the West to Eastern audiences, under the auspices of the Association of Canadian Clubs. As announced in our last issue, Mr. Garland is also engaged in a lecture tour through Northern and Eastern Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Important points in every Province of Canada east of Manitoba will thus be given the opportunity to receive a message from the Alberta farmers, through the instrumentality of these two members of the House of Commons.

Mr. Spencer's itinerary follows:

North Bay, Monday, November 14th; Midland, Wednesday, November 16th; 4 p.m.; Barrie, Wednesday, November 16th, 8:15 p.m.; Guelph, Thursday, November 17th, 4 p.m.; Kitchener, Thursday, November 17th, 8:30 p.m., Kitchener, Friday, November 18th, 3:30 p.m., Stratford, Friday, November 18th, 8 p.m.; London, Saturday, November 19th, 8:30 p.m.; Chatham, Monday, November 21st, 8 p.m.; Galt, Tuesday, November 22nd, 3:30 p.m.; Port Hope, Wednesday, November 23rd, 8 p.m.; Peterborough, Thursday, November 24th, 8 p.m.; Belleville, Saturday, November 26th, 3:30 p.m.; Smith's Falls, Saturday, November 26th, 7:35 p.m.

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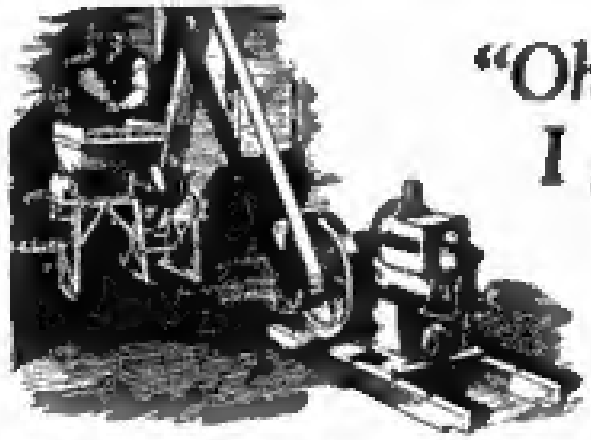

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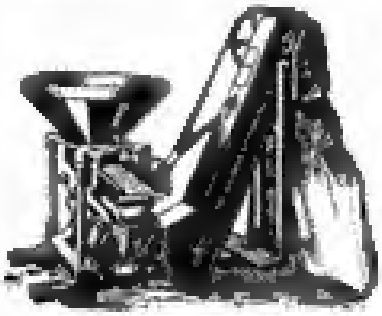

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